Grant Parish School Board 2024-25 District Charter School Application Process for Schools Opening in the 2026-27 School Year or Beyond

Forms and Information Needed for Submission of a Type 1 or Type 3 Charter School Proposal

In compliance with R.S. 17:3982, the Grant Parish School Board is making public through our website, and in printed form upon request, the guidelines for submitting a charter proposal, all forms required for submission of a charter proposal, the timelines established for accepting and reviewing charter proposals, the process that will be used to review charter proposals submitted to the board, and the name and contact information for a primary point of contact for charter proposals.

I. Charter School Application

Applicants should complete the 2024-25 Common Charter School Application found <u>here</u>. Applicants should complete the appropriate application based on whether or not they are a New Charter Operator, an Experienced Charter Operator or an applicant proposing to open a Virtual Charter School.

II. Charter School Process Schedule

- July 24, 2024: Charter application released
- October 25, 2024: Applications due

Applicants should email all application components to erin.stokes@gpsb.org.

• January 17, 2025: Last day for Grant Parish School Board to make decisions to approve or deny charter applications

III. Charter Application Review Process

All charter applications will be reviewed by an independent evaluator with educational, organizational, legal, and financial expertise. Applicants will have the opportunity to provide to the evaluator a written response to the independent evaluation of their charter application before the evaluator provides a final recommendation to Grant Parish School Board.

IV. Charter School Contact Information

Individuals or organizations with questions about the district's charter application process should contact: Dr. Erin Stokes, Superintendent erin.stokes@gpsb.org 318-627-3274